

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 2, line 11, of the application with the following paragraph:

The present invention provides a composition comprising

- (a) (i) a quaternary ammonium biocide having the formula $N^+R^1R^2R^3R^4X^-$ where R^1 and R^2 are independently unsubstituted or hydroxy substituted linear or branched C_1 - C_4 alkyl, -
 $(CH_2CH_2O)_mCH_2CHCH_3OH$ where m is 1 to 10; R^3 is a substituted or unsubstituted benzyl, ethylbenzyl, methylnaphthyl, or linear or branched C_1 - C_{22} alkyl; R^4 is $-R^5(O)_n(C_6H_4[[5]])R^6$ where n is 0 or 1; R^5 is a substituted or unsubstituted C_1 - C_8 alkyl or C_1 - C_8 alkoxyalkyl; R^6 is hydrogen or a substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched C_1 - C_{12} alkyl; and X^- is an anion, such as chloride, acetate, borate, propionate, carbonate, bicarbonate, or hydroxide,
- (ii) a polymeric quaternary ammonium biocide, or
- (iii) a mixture thereof; and
- (b) (i) a ketone acid or salt thereof,
- (ii) an aromatic carboxylic acid or a salt thereof, or
- (iii) a mixture thereof.

Preferably, the ketone acid is a cyclic ketone acid. The aforementioned mixtures are synergistic.

